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In recent months we have had an increased number of assaults against our Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus and rail operators.

In May, we had two aggravated assaults against our bus operators within two days, one in Studio City and another West Hills. The bus operators in both cases requested fare from the transit rider and were struck without provocation leaving both operators with concussions and other injuries.

Under California Penal Code sections 241.3, 245.2, and 1203.055 if a criminal is found guilty of an assault against a bus or rail operator there may be financial liability and/ or jail time. However, this liability is not always at a level fitting of these crimes and does not properly communicate to the criminals and the public that this criminal behavior will not be tolerated.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the legislature to increase the penalties for assaults against our bus and rail operators, with a report back to the Board in 30 days.

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